

REMARKS

The Office Action objected to claim 25 as depending on claim 18 instead of 24. Claim 25 is being amended to depend from claim 24. The amendment overcomes the objection raised, and therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-6, 10-15 and 18-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0088336 to Pasupathy. Claims 7-9, 16-17 and 24-26 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Without conceding to the propriety of the rejections on the merits, applicant in this reply is canceling claim 1, rewriting claims 7, 9, 16, 24 and 26 into independent forms, and incorporating an element in claim 9 found to be allowable into independent claims 10 and 18. All claims are now believed to be allowable.

This communication is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and every effort has been made to place the application in condition for allowance. A favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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